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Sir:

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF ACTUAL INFRINGEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.102 and MPEP ¶708.02

The Applicants hereby petition to make this application special because of actual infringement.

1. Accompanying this petition is:

(a) a Declaration of Facts in Support of Petition to Make Special Because of Actual

Infringement; and

(b) a Declaration by Attorney in Support of Petition to Make Special Because of Actual Infringement.

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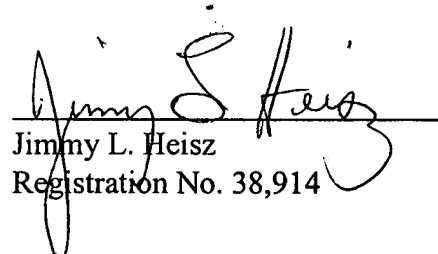
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A duplicate of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

HITT GAINES & BOISBRUN, P.C.


Jimmy L. Heisz
Registration No. 38,914

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Sir:

**DECLARATION OF ATTORNEY IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
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I, Jimmy L. Heisz, 275 West Campbell Rd., Suite 225, Richardson, Texas 75280, Reg. No.
38,914, Tel. No. 972-480-8800, am the attorney for the applicant in this case and make the following
declarations:

1. That I have made a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device referred to in the accompanying declaration of Steve Clegg with the claims of this application.

2. That, in my opinion, Claims 1 and 15 on file in this application are unquestionably infringed.

3. That I

☐ have made a search of

☐ have caused to be made a search of

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the pertinent prior art.

All such material art is provided to the Examiner as

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in a respective Information Disclosure Statement.

4. That I believe all the claims in this application

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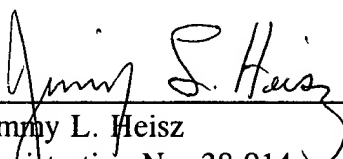
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are allowable.

5. I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Sir:

**DECLARATION OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
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My name is Edward John Gleibs, III, and I am Executive Vice President of TransData, Inc., 885 E. Collins Blvd., #105, Richardson, Texas 75081. TransData, Inc. has an interest in the above identified invention because it is the owner of the application. I hereby declare the following:

1. SmartSynch, Inc., P.O. Box 12250, Jackson, Mississippi 39236, has a commercial

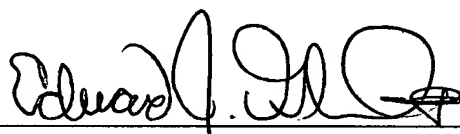
metering product on the market that infringes upon the above referenced patent because such metering product includes an internal whip antenna that is under glass. Copies of the pertinent screens from SmartSynch's web site describing such product are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. I have made a rigid comparison of the infringing device marketed by SmartSynch, Inc. with the claims in the above referenced patent application and, in my opinion, some of the claims contained in the patent application are unquestionably infringed.

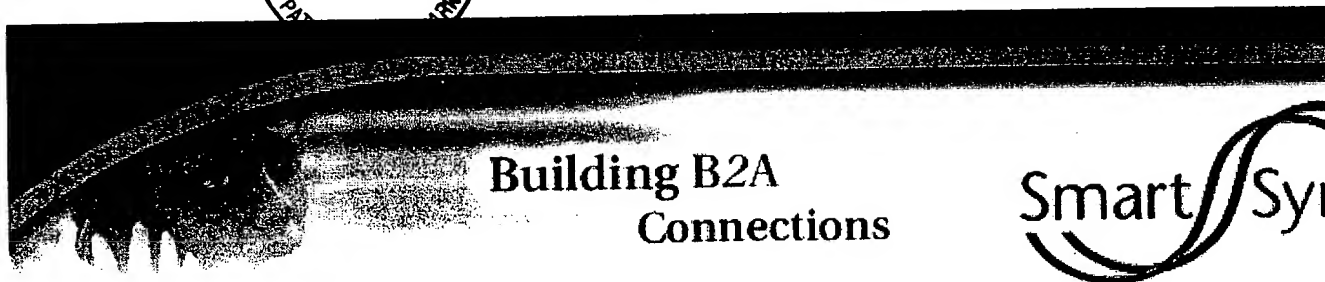
3. I have made, and have caused to be made, a careful and thorough search of the prior art and I have a good knowledge of the pertinent prior art.

4. The device that I allege infringes this invention was first discovered to exist on May 2, 2001.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward J. Gleibs, III", written over a horizontal line.

Edward John Gleibs, III

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WIRELESS NETWORKS:**SkyTel Two-Way:**

- The lowest cost two-way wireless data network
- Secure and reliable- guaranteed message delivery
- Simulcast communication- multiple transmitter & receiver network gives supe penetration
- IP addressable which empowers all Spectrum meters and field devices as no Internet

AT&T CDPD:

- Allows for broader coverage in rural areas

COST OF OWNERSHIP:

Reduced risk scalable system architecture
 Lowest life cycle cost available today
 Network airtime charges- extremely competitive
 Cost displacement payback can be less than two years
 Public networks mean less cost and risk by sharing infrastructure costs with commercial users

METER/DEVICES:

Siemens Spectrum S4 Meter
 All components "under-glass"
 "Plug 'n Play"- simple and cost-effective to install
 RS-485 group connectivity
 Wide voltage range & self-diagnostics
 Spectrum meters are wireless IP devices and are "always on" and "always on" the wireless network and Internet
 Motorola Creatalink 2XT Transceiver- field proven WAN gateway device with economies of scale and high reliability

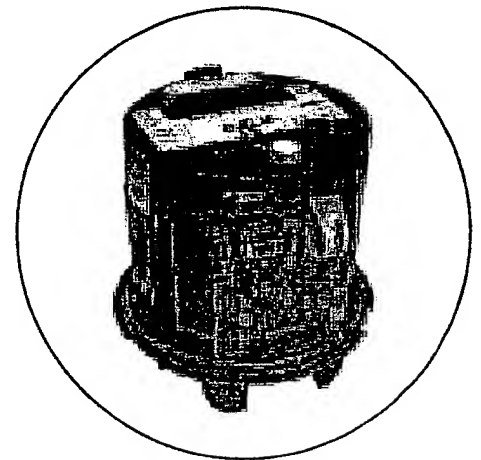
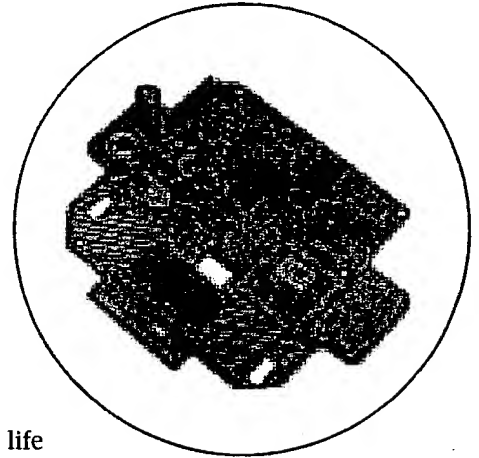
TRANSACTION MANAGAEMENT SYSTEM:

- Intuitive and user-friendly Windows NT head-end software



INTELLIGENT Interface Client

Operating Temperature	-40° C to + 85° C
Power Supply Requirements (Normal Operation)	70-150 mA current limited for battery charging
Battery	1.3 Ahr Gel Lead-Acid
Battery Capacity (module operation in Outage)	
• Normal Outage Operation	15 hours
• Disaster Power Mgmt (standard)	6 days
• Disaster Power Mgmt (kill power shutdown)	30 days
Battery Connector	Park position for extended shelf life
Battery Recharge	36 hrs complete recharge from dead battery
Processor	PIC 17000 Series
RAM	8 KB
Flash Memory	48-64 KB Field Programmable
Ad Hoc Buffer	8 KB
EEPROM	Programmable Parameters
Meter Port Requirements	0-5 V Serial
Pager Port Requirements	TTL Serial
Input/Output	Monitors all S4 KYZ inputs Controls S4 Outputs - factory configuration Optically Isolated Digital I/O (1500V Isolation)
Antenna	Internal: _ Whip (under glass) External: Low Profile Radial Ground Plane Antenna Isolation Circuit for External Antenna
LEDs	Reflect current state of pager module, meter power, and the interface itself





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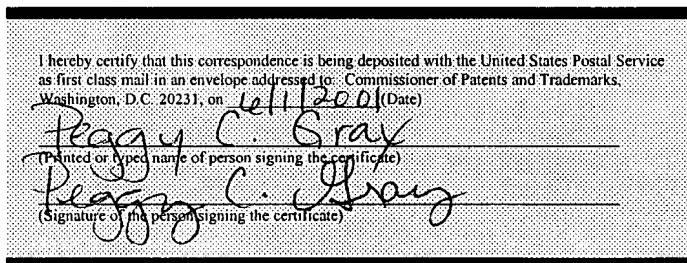
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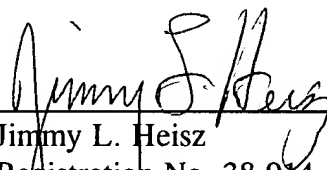
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